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CITY OF DALLAS

DATE January 4, 2024

TO Honorable Mayor, Members of the City Council and City Manager

SUBJECT **Special Called Meeting**

We received your memo requesting a cancellation of our regularly scheduled meeting on January 17th due to official city business.

As you know, two major items were scheduled to be discussed at that meeting: 1) the 2024 bond package and 2) changes to the employee retirement fund. City staff and Council have been working towards getting both of these items on the May 2024 ballot and in order to do so Council must approve them for inclusion by February 14, 2024; waiting to have discussion on these at the proposed special called council meeting on January 31st, could jeopardize our ability to include them in the May election.

Constituents throughout the city are deeply concerned about the investments in our streets, the continued expansion and upgrades to our city's park infrastructure, and the necessary funding for repairs to existing city libraries, arts facilities and public safety facilities including our new training facility. Addressing these concerns through the 2024 bond is pivotal to the overall well-being and safety of our communities.

Given the significance of these topics and the statutory constraints in calling elections, we respectfully request that, in addition to the council meeting on January 31, 2024, you add another special called meeting on Friday, January 19, 2024 at 2:00 p.m. We kindly request your prompt response for a new meeting before 5:00 p.m on January 9, 2024.

Thank you for your understanding and cooperation in ensuring that we address the needs of our community effectively. Should you have any questions, please contact one of us.

Paula Blackmon
Council Member, District 9

Jaime Resendez
Council Member, District 5

Adam Bazaldua
Council Member, District 7

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Dr. Robert Perez, Assistant City Manager
Carl Simpson, Assistant City Manager
Jack Ireland, Chief Financial Officer
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